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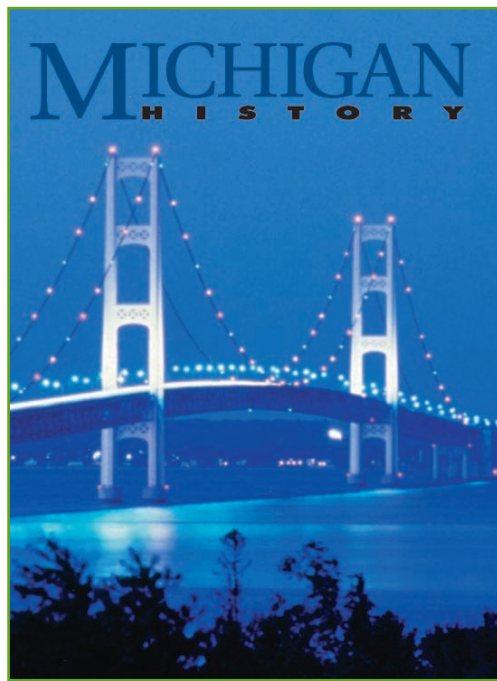
at the Michigan Historical Center

Celebrate 50 Years of the Mighty Mac

This year, the Mackinac Bridge will turn 50 years old. Join *Michigan History* magazine as it pays tribute to this spectacular symbol of our state. Available July 2007, their 96-page special issue will be filled with stories about the Mighty Mac, including:

- Before the Bridge: Waiting for car ferries
- Building the Bridge: From cofferdams to paint
- Courage on the Bridge: The ironworkers' stories
- Under the Bridge: A pilot's aerial stunt
- Cities at the Bridge: The history of Mackinaw City and St. Ignace
- Walking the Bridge: Recollections from *Michigan History* readers

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History is HOT for kids!

History will be hot when the Michigan Historical Museum presents its annual Summer Sizzles Day Camp. The camp, now in its eighth year, offers a variety of programming for children 9 through 12 and special advanced sessions for 13 through 16-year-olds.

Day-campers will discover their connection to history—and have fun in the process. Week-long and half-day sessions begin Monday, June 25 and run through August.

For details, visit www.michigan.gov/museum, or call (517) 373-1905.



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A Hunting We Will Go

Every fall, more than one million hunters take to the woods in hopes of bagging one of the more than 2 million whitetail deer that live in the forests and fields of Michigan.

They are part of an enduring Michigan tradition. For thousands of years, Native Americans relied on deer for food and as a source for bone tools. In the late 1800s, professionals hunted deer for venison to sell to logging and railroad companies.

During the twentieth century, deer hunting became a sporting endeavor for the wealthy. It wasn't until the automotive industry gave the general public access to good-paying jobs, cars and vacation time that deer hunting became a popular, widespread sport. In recent decades, technology has dramatically changed hunting.

Beginning August 5, 2007, the Michigan Historical Museum will present the story of deer hunting in Michigan with the special exhibit *A Hunting We Will Go: The Story of Deer Hunting in Michigan*.

For information, visit www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559, TDD (517) 373-1592.



Deer hunters camp near Tawas, Michigan, Photo Dave Tinder

Oral Histories from the Archives of Michigan

Oral histories provide a living connection to the past. They are the recorded voices of men and women sharing their experiences. They typically place these experiences within the broader context of their lives, thus enhancing the written record and providing a personal perspective.

Recognizing the importance of recorded memory, the Archives of Michigan launches a greater initiative to collect

and preserve it. Interviews have been completed or planned with an African-American World War II veteran, the son of a State Prison chaplain, a retired State Capitol tour guide and former Archives of Michigan employees. The Archives will also be conducting interviews tied to the fiftieth anniversary observance of the Mackinac Bridge completion. Retired iron workers, State ferry operators and a member of the original Mackinac Bridge Authority are among those slated to participate.

New technology renders such interviews easier to record and more accessible to researchers than ever before. Digital technologies make equipment more portable while also facilitating migration and transfer of data. Digital recordings can be downloaded onto compact discs. The Archives of Michigan will also work to make them available as podcasts on the Archives' web site. The site will include links to Michigan State University's Vincent Voice Library. The Archives of Michigan relishes such opportunities to better preserve the past and reach more of the public than ever before.



Dear Friends,

Save the date for the Jingle Ball, Saturday, November 17 at the Michigan Historical Museum. All funds raised support Michigan History Education Programs that serve more than 80,000 Michigan youth.

The beginning of summer is filled with new energy and purpose for the Historical Center Foundation as we kick-off our Annual Gift Appeal to support the initiatives of the Michigan Historical Center. It is an honor and opportunity for me to secure philanthropic support for the Center. The Center is the state's trusted source for the research, education, and resources needed to expand the knowledge of Michigan's heritage.

As with any great institution, the people behind it are what make it outstanding. The Michigan Historical Center prides itself in being just that—a great place to visit, learn and experience Michigan history first-hand, with individuals like you supporting it and believing in its purpose.

Needless to say, the coming year will bring more challenges to keep Michigan's history programs thriving. Please take this opportunity to make a contribution. Your support ensures

that we continue to help teachers get students excited about learning Michigan history. It helps us build Michigan's economy through cultural tourism and historic preservation. Your support will protect rare documents, maps, photographs and artifacts. It will support public programs and exhibits that bring Michigan's fascinating past—and knowledge of how to care for it—to every corner of the state.

Your gift is an investment in the future—by preserving our past. I can assure you that your gift will make an immediate impact on our ability to continue and expand programs. Make a gift online now at www.michigan.gov/mhcfoundation or by calling (517) 373-2565.

Warm regards,

Patricia L. Clark, Director

Michigan Historical Center Foundation

Historic Preservation Tax Credits Pump \$428 Million Into Michigan's Economy in 2006

Federal rehabilitation tax credits have proven to be the nation's most effective federal program for promoting both urban and rural revitalization through private investment in historic building rehabilitation. In FY 2006 alone, these credits stimulated more than \$165 million in private investment in historic building rehabilitation projects in Michigan. This private investment created more than 4,000 jobs and an overall positive impact of \$353 million on Michigan's economy. Likewise, the state historic preservation tax credit projects alone resulted in more than \$35 million in direct investment and \$75.8 million in economic impact. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) administers both programs.

In March 2007 the SHPO's nonprofit partner, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), issued

Report Card: The Economic Impacts of Historic Preservation in Michigan. The *Report Card* evaluated the results of the historic preservation tax credits in Michigan between 2001 and 2005. During this period direct investment totaled \$902 million and created a total economic impact of \$1.93 billion and more than 22,000 jobs. The *Report Card* also features specific case studies provided by the SHPO.

You can view the *Report Card* online by visiting www.michigan.gov/shpo and clicking on "New Economic Benefits Report Card." Copies are available by contacting the MHPN at (517) 371-8080. Historic Preservation case studies for tax credit projects, and all of the SHPOs programs, may be viewed by clicking on "Preservation Case Studies."



June

June 5 and 20 Wednesdays at Walker
Continues through the summer

June 9 - 10 Civil War Reenactment Weekend
Walker Tavern

June 17 Iron, Steel and the Automobile
The 18th annual antique auto exhibit displays a variety of vintage vehicles! Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. Noon to 4 P.M.

June 17 Last day for exhibit
Working America: Photographs from the Ewing Galloway Agency, 1910-1950
Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing

June 17 - August 17 1870: A Living History Experience
Role-playing interpreters bring history to life at the 1844 fort. Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor. Sunday through Thursday, 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

June 2007 celebrates the first,
"June is Michigan Horse Racing Month"
www.michigan.gov/horseracing

July

**July 10 An Explosive Story:
The Atlas Powder Company**
Tuesday afternoon lecture series, Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

July 14 Past In Person
Journey into the past through the music, songs and tales of 19th-century lumberjacks. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 7 P.M.

July 14 - 15 Shield of Steel: Iron Ore and the Arsenal of Democracy

This World War II encampment helps you discover the vital role played during the war by the Upper Peninsula's residents and iron ranges. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

July 17 Prehistoric Clues: Archaeology on Grand Island

Tuesday afternoon lecture series, Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

July 21 Fort Wilkins by Candlelight
Experience the fort in the magical glow of candlelight. Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor. 8 to 10 P.M.

July 21 - 22 Wood Shaving Days
The entire family will enjoy woodwork crafts, sawmill demonstrations, 19th-century music and more. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

July 24 Quite an Experiment: CCI Attempts to Promote Agriculture on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 1895-1915
Tuesday afternoon lecture series, Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

July 27 - 29 Civil War Living History Encampment, Battery D, 1st Michigan Light Artillery
The sights and sounds of the Civil War come to Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor.

August

August 4 Walker On Wheels
This show featuring vintage cars and campers celebrates Michigan's auto heritage and spirit of adventure. Walker Tavern, Brooklyn. 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

August 4 - 5 Vintage Baseball Weekend
Take in a 19th-century baseball game. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 1 P.M.

August 7 Mining's Our Bread but Skiing's Our Soul: Norwegian Leadership Pioneering American Skiing
Tuesday afternoon lecture series, Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

August 11 Fayette Heritage Day
Come celebrate the fun side of 19th-century life. Fayette Historic Townsite, Garden. Noon to 5 P.M.

August 11 Forest Fest
Discover the ecology and the natural history of the forest. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

August 11 - 12 Iron Ore and the Civil War
This Civil War encampment brings the historic era to life. Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

August 21 The Cornish in Michigan
Tuesday afternoon lecture series, Michigan Iron Industry Museum, Negaunee. 2 P.M.

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